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## Action

### *Professional Practices Committee*

#### Committee of Credentials Vacancies for FY 2018-19

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**Executive Summary:** The Commission will review the terms of the current members of the Committee of Credentials and will declare vacancies for two public members and one elementary member.

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends that the Commission declare vacancies for three positions on the Committee of Credentials.

**Presenter:** Vanessa Whitnell, Director, Division of Professional Practices

#### Strategic Plan Goal:

##### *I. Educator Quality*

- d) Effectively, efficiently, and fairly monitor the fitness of all applicants and credential holders to work with California students.

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### Introduction

The Commission makes appointments to the Committee of Credentials (“Committee”) pursuant to Education Code section 44240. This item presents information concerning the expected vacancies for three positions on the Committee.

### Background

The Committee is comprised of seven members appointed by the Commission and consists of one elementary teacher, one secondary teacher, one school board member, one school administrator employee, and three public representatives.

The Committee meets three days each month at the offices of the Division of Professional Practices in Sacramento. Members review allegations of educator misconduct to determine whether to recommend discipline.

The Commission’s Professional Practices Committee is responsible for informing “the Commission when vacancies occur or may be expected to occur on the Committee of Credentials.” (CTC Policy Manual §510) “Prior to publicly announcing a vacancy, the Committee shall inquire, in writing, as to the availability of incumbents to serve an additional term.” (CTC Policy Manual §510) The terms of public representatives Cheryl Hightower and Tillie Soliz, as well as elementary teacher, Dr. Mario Moya, expire on June 30, 2018. All three members are not available for reappointment to a two-year term after June 30, 2018. Further, Ms. Soliz requests that the Commission declare her vacancy effective February 1, 2018, for personal reasons.

### Committee of Credentials Members

The current composition of the Committee and the terms are as follows:

Name	Date First Appointed	Current Term Expires
TILLIE SOLIZ Public Representative	07-01-10	06-30-18
CHERYL HIGHTOWER Public Representative	10-21-16	06-30-18
ELLEN GERVASE Public Representative	07-01-15	06-30-19
MARIO MOYA Elementary Teacher	10-14-14	06-30-18
DARREL WOO School Board Member	07-01-17	06-30-19

HELIO BRASIL, Chair Administrative Employee	07-01-11	06-30-19
SHEILA RYSKAMP Secondary Teacher	07-01-11	06-30-19

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff requests that the Commission declare a vacancy for Ms. Soliz, effective February 1, 2018, as well as vacancies for Ms. Hightower and Dr. Moya, effective July 1, 2018. After the Commission declares vacancies, staff will begin the process of advertising for candidates and schedule interviews for an Ad Hoc Interview Committee in February 2018.